

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
Washington

DANIEL BOONE NAT'L. FOREST PARK
PROPOSED

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File No. 0-32
Part One.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARK
DANIEL BOONE NAT'L FOREST PARK

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Proposed Park.

DANIEL BOONE NATL. FOREST PARK, N. C.

LOCATION: Includes Government owned lands lying along the Blue Ridge, Craggy Gardens, Mt. Mitchell Range, and including Linville Gorge and the National Forest between that area and Blowing Rock, lying along the base of Grandfather Mountain.

HISTORY

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REMARKS: Brought to the Director's attention by Col. D.W. Adams, Old Fort, N. C. and the Hon. Maurice H. Thatcher. It is being promoted locally by Col. Adams, and is being proposed to be administered by the Forest Service. No legislation is known to have been introduced in Congress as yet.

This is being considered as a National Forest Park under the Forest Service and shall not be considered as a proposed park under this Service.

PERSONS

INTERESTED: Col. D. W. Adams, Old Fort, N. C.
Hon. Maurice H. Thatcher
Mrs. Teresa H. Cobb, Louisville, Ky.

STATUS: Awaiting legislation in Congress.

M. H. THATCHER
5TH DISTRICT KENTUCKY

MEMBER
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
500 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.



August 24, 1932

Mr. A. E. Demaray,
Senior Assistant Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Director:

Herewith find "Proposal for Daniel Boone National Forest Park" about which I spoke to you this afternoon.

I will be glad to have any information you may have on the subject which might be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. Thatcher

PROPOSAL

for

Daniel Boone National Forest Park



A great National Forest Park to be under the administration of the Forestry Service of the Department of Agriculture, to include the scenically beautiful territory of Government-owned lands lying along the Blue Ridge, Craggy Gardens, Mt. Mitchell Range, and including Linville Gorge and the National Forest between that area and Blowing Rock, lying along the base of the Grandfather Mountain.

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

National Forest Park

Those who were interested in the project at the time, doubtless remember that back in 1905 to 1910, we were all working for what was then known as the Appalachian Park system to be located in Western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee, Southwest Virginia and North Georgia. We spent our time and money without hope of reward, more than the establishment of a National Park. What we got however, when the Weeks bill finally passed was a system of National forests, instead of National Parks. It is now felt by many supporters of the park movement that we are entitled to at least one National Park, out of a group of five National forests, therefore, the following data is submitted for your consideration in the form of a working plan.

It is proposed to convert all the government owned land between Highway No. 69 on the North, Highway No. 10 on the South, Blowing Rock on the East and Asheville, on the West into a National Forest Park to be known as the DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST PARK. This to be in commemoration of the name of that famous frontiersman, also carrying the idea that it has both the elements of a National Park and a National Forest. It will, therefore, be a cross on a National Park and a National Forest, and it will retain all the advantages of both the Forest and Park Services and none of the disadvantages of either. It will be administered wholly by the officials of the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, and is not to be confused in any manner with the National Parks administered by the Park Service under the Interior Department.

AID OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE SOLICITED

It is felt that if the Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade of the towns of Asheville, Black Mountain, Montreat, Old Fort, Marion, Lenoir, Blowing Rock, Boone, Linville City, Newland, Banner Elk, Elk Park, Spruce Pine, and Burnsville will become interested, they can make each of the several towns mentioned a gateway into a great National Forest Park. The matter should be presented by a committee and such petitions as may be thought necessary to the chief forester through the Supervisor of the Pisgah National Forest of Asheville, and have Congress if necessary enact needed legislation to the end that all of that vast and scenically beautiful territory of Government owned land lying along the Blue Ridge, Craggy Gardens, Mt. Mitchell Range, and extending on and including the Linville Gorge: the only boxed canyon east of the Mississippi, Linville City, and Grandfather Mountain to Blowing Rock, at a stroke of the pen, converted by presidential proclamation into a National Forest Park. It can be administered by the skilled personnel of the Forest Service, at no additional expense to anyone.

FOREST PARK ROADS BUILT BY FEDERAL PRISONERS

Fortunately there is a movement well under way to use short term federal prisoners in building a system of forest roads on this particular unit of the Pisgah National Forest.

THE ONLY NATIONAL FOREST PARK IN THE UNITED STATES

This would be the only National Forest Park in the United States, and it is believed that it should be properly named Daniel Boone National Forest Park. All other National Parks are administered by the Park Service, and it will be, not only an attractive innovation, but in my judgment a much more efficiently maintained park and will have no entrance toll fees as is commonly charged by the National Parks.

NATURAL RESOURCES NOT TIED UP AS IN REGULAR NATIONAL PARKS

Unlike the National Parks, in the proposed National Forest Parks, hunting, fishing, timber sales, gathering of shrubbery, mining, and the development of water power and such other economic uses shall

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF APPROVAL TAKEN FROM A NUMBER OF
LETTERS OF OUR LEADING CITIZENS:

"I wish to congratulate you on this move. The general scheme is one of the best things I have heard of in a long time. It undoubtedly offers wonderful possibilities, and it seems to me to be thoroughly practicable, and we ought to be able to put it across. —***and you have certainly selected the right location."

R. L. Gwyn
Lenoir, N. C.

"This great project has my full cooperation and support. I will put through any legislation that may be necessary to bring the plans to a successful conclusion."

Robert R. Reynolds,
Candidate for U. S. Senate,
Asheville, N. C.

"I am very much interested in your proposition and while I do not know anything about the practical working of your plan I do think it would be a wonderful thing for this section of the country."

Ottis Greene, Mayor
Asheville, N. C.

"—*** in a public matter of this kind which is for the benefit of our beloved commonwealth, I shall do all I can to aid you and other patriotic citizens who have undertaken this good work."

Hon. Heriot Clarkson
of Supreme Court,
Raleigh, N. C.

"While I am not familiar with the land owned by the National Government, mentioned in your paper, it appears to me that your proposition is well worth while and has much merit."

F. E. Likes, Pres.
Civitan International,
Asheville, N. C.

"We have read with a great deal of interest your article, "National Forest Park" which appeared in the August 4, 1932, edition of the Morganton News-Herald. At the same time, we were a little disappointed that our place was not mentioned. We feel that we have one of the coming resort places in this section."

Edgar H. Tufts, Mgr.
Pinnacle Inn,
Banner Elk, N. C.

"I think your proposition is the most important that has ever been made for Western North Carolina and will result in continuing good, not only for North Carolina but for the entire South for all time. The best of the plan is that it is easily put into effect, that it costs comparatively nothing, and the psychological moment has arrived for its consummation."

Hugh McRae, Pres.
Southeastern Council,
Wilmington, N. C.

"Everyone to whom I have talked in regard to this matter seems to be enthusiastic over the prospect of putting this proposition through, I feel more encouraged every day."

Albert R. Bauman, Secretary
Mountain Retreat Association,
Montreat, N. C.

"—*** in extending my congratulations for your splendid plan I am, I'm sure, expressing the sentiment of all the club women in the State."

Mrs. Mary C. Graybeal, Pres.
2nd. District, North Carolina
Federation of Women's Clubs.

"I am particularly interested in your excellent plan for the Daniel Boone National Forest Park. I know every inch of it. It is located on my old stamping ground, so to speak. It will be of untold value to this whole section of the country, and you have my whole hearted support in bringing it to a successful conclusion. If there is any legislation necessary, please let me know."

Hon. Zebulon Weaver,
Member of Congress,
Asheville, N. C.

"No movement in the last few years has met with more universal favor than has the one to extend and expand the human usefulness of our public landed domain. Is there any good reason why our National Forest Service should not feature the recreational use as well as a timbering service of areas under their jurisdiction in the interest of a greater public welfare? This is the dominant thought actuating the movement to create the Daniel Boone National Forest Park."

Dr. Lucius B. Morse, Pres.
Chimney Rock Company,
Chimney Rock, N. C.

be permitted, regulated by scientific forestry methods in this case rather than tied up against public use as in the case of the National Parks. The fact that a large portion of the adjoining land is owned by a number of individuals and small homesteaders does not in any manner detract from the scenic and tourist value of the whole, but on the other hand adds a needed touch of human interest. The present game refuges within the area would be maintained and thoroughly stocked.

No privately owned land in the general boundaries will be affected one way or the other, except to become much more valuable owing to the proximity of the park. It is planned however, that privately owned land may be put under park supervision by a cooperative agreement for any specified length of time, to the end that while the title will remain in the owner's name to sell and manage as he sees fit, yet he may secure great advantages thereby in protection against forest fires and trespass.

BEAUTIFUL INTERIOR RESORTS

Such beautiful resort settlements as Blowing Rock, Linville City, Pinola, the Marmon Estate, fish hatchery and lake, Montreat, Linville Falls, Altapass, Little Switzerland, Lake James, Lake Tahoma, Lake Refuge, the Geyser, and the mysterious Brown Mountain lights, only add to the attractiveness and convenience to tourists. If all such places were eliminated and it was solid wilderness, such resorts would have to be replaced at a great expense of time and money.

Without making a specific comparison, there is not a more beautiful park site than this in the United States. Think of what it would mean to the towns and the country people, beginning with Asheville, situated between two great parks, Black Mountain, Ridgecrest, Old Fort, Marion, Morganton, Lenoir, Boone, Banner Elk, Newland, Elk Park, Crossnore, Spruce Pine, Burnsville, and Blowing Rock, all situated on one of the principal entrances and all in North Carolina, and each on one of the Park to Park Highways. These towns would flourish and grow like a green bay tree.

COL. PRATT'S APPALACHIAN SCENIC HIGHWAY

A few years ago, Col. Pratt and his associates planned and partly constructed the Appalachian scenic highway along the crest of the Blue Ridge through this proposed park area. No doubt the forestry officials would therefore, accommodate at least a portion of its proposed forest road system at the expense of the federal government to develop the scenic beauty along the crest of the Blue Ridge from Linville Falls to Altapass, Little Switzerland, Buck Creek Gap, Green Nob, and the Pinnacle (the highest peak in the Blue Ridge) and by acquiring the two Mt. Mitchell motor roads on to Mt. Mitchell Peak (the highest mountain in Eastern America) and from that point through the Mt. Mitchell State Park on to the wonderful Craggy Gardens and connect with the scenic mountain highway, leading into Asheville.

Referring to the highways, and points of interest in this area, as outstanding features of scenic beauty, there is nothing to compare with Highway No. 104 around beautiful Lake Tahoma through Buck Creek Gap and down Toe River, to Micaville and the Winding Stair Highway No. 28 out of Marion to Linville Falls, Linville City and Yonahlassee Road around the Grandfather to Blowing Rock, the Mt. Mitchell motor road from Black Mountain to Camp Alice and the Mt. Mitchell trail with its wonderful scenery, the historic Big Tom Wilson road from Burnsville to the top of Mt. Mitchell, passing the Blue Sea Pools, and wonderful waterfalls and cascades on Cane River, state tourist highway No. 105, winding around Lake James, by the Pinnacle, traversing the west rim of the Linville Gorge, presenting in profile Short Off, Table Rock, the Hawks Bill, and Chimney Top, looking over the escarpment of the Linville Gorge, thousands of feet below into the only boxed canyon in eastern America. Then we have Highway No. 181 from Morganton to Newland, passing Brown Mountain with its mysterious lights, the Loving Hotel, Turtle Top Peak, and Rattle Snake Ridge, from which the lights can best be seen; on to Pinola, the Marmon Estate, lake and fishery, and finally the matchless gem of the Southern Appalachian Mountains: Linville City. Then from Lenoir, Highway No. 17 crossing the lake and Blue Ridge to Blowing Rock and Boone; such celebrated resorts and points of interest as need no further comment, the Royal Gorge traversed on No. 10 Highway between Ridgecrest and Old Fort, with Point Lookout as an outstanding feature, will add greatly to the scenic interest of the proposed park.

GREAT FINANCIAL BENEFIT TO HOTELS, FARMERS, AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

Regardless of local conditions, the tourists have always been an inexhaustible source of revenue and has also been catered to in preference to any other industry by other countries and by many that have much less natural advantages than ours. In confirmation, the following is a news item from the press:

"TOURIST TRADE HIT LEAST BY DEPRESSION

MONTREAL, July 2.—Describing Canada's tourist trade as the 'invisible export' of the Dominion, the Dominion bureau of statistics issued a report showing that this industry has suffered less than almost any other in the general economic slump."

The following is an excerpt from an editorial in the Charlotte Observer, under date of July 13, 1932, evidently from the pen of the Hon. Wade Harris, himself, under the caption—BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE—

* * * "in the meantime North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia, should and will find a way to carry the story of the delightful summer coolness and the grandeur of scenery in the southern Appalachians including the Blue Ridge and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, to the hundreds of thousands of people of wealth in the South, the Mississippi Valley, the Midwest, and the East who will bring untold millions of dollars into the section as they come to enjoy America's finally but lately discovered playground, North Carolina, with its unmatched system of mountain highways, ought to take the lead in making known to the outside world this mighty asset, which if properly exploited would bring more wealth to the state than all its cotton farms or cotton factories, important as they are."

There is no question but that at times of such great national crisis, it is up to each separate town, city, county and state to work out its salvation, and this is a rare opportunity for the towns named to do so. Farmers, market gardeners, merchants and hotels would be greatly benefited by the tourist trade.

If the civic organizations of the towns involved in this project would pool their activities with such a powerful organization as the city of Asheville has, we can in a short time snap out of our difficulties and our radio stations could then announce:

"This is W. W. N. C. at Asheville, at the eastern entrance of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, and at the western entrance of the Greater Daniel Boone National Forest Park."

All constructive criticisms of and suggestions to this working plan are solicited by Col. D. W. Adams, Old Fort, North Carolina.

August 10, 1932.
Old Fort, N. C.

D. W. A.

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF APPROVAL TAKEN FROM A NUMBER OF LETTERS OF OUR LEADING CITIZENS:

"It is a great idea. The area you have in mind is equal to any in Eastern America, to put it mildly."

James G. K. McClure, Jr.
President and General Mgr.
Farmers Federation,
Asheville, N. C.

"Your idea is unique and the angle that you put on this proposition is very good indeed and the location of the proposed park is scenically beyond comparison."

Crawford F. James,
Candidate for Congress,
Marion, N. C.

"I consider your paper on Daniel Boone National Forest Park the most valuable contribution for public welfare that has ever come to my attention."

J. Q. Gilkey, District Mgr.
Conservation Committee,
Marion, N. C.

"I now thoroughly understand the Daniel Boone National Forest Park plan and I assure you I am for it one hundred percent."

J. G. Strikeleather,
Chairman of Special Committee
Chamber of Commerce,
Asheville, N. C.

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

SEP 23 1932

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Daniel Boone Nat Forest
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Hon. M. H. Thatcher,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Thatcher:

I find I owe you a sincere apology for not previously acknowledging receipt of your letter of August 24 and its inclosure "Proposal for Daniel Boone National Forest Park". Your letter got sidetracked with some papers and it has just come to light.

I don't think there is very much I can say about this proposal for a national forest park. It seems to be a sort of hybrid affair. Apparently they want a national forest with all of the private use, hunting, etc. that is permitted in a national forest and in addition want the use of the name "park" which is like the trade mark "Sterling" on silver.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(SGD.) A. E. DEMARAY

A. E. Demaray,
Acting Director.

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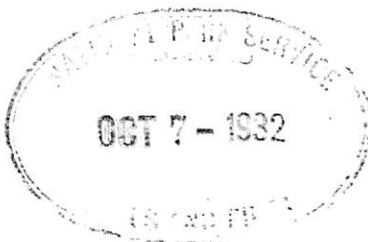
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TERESA H. COBB, General Agent
P. O. Box 345

UNION, S. C.

October 5, 1932.



Department of Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that the Government is taking steps to establish a National Park to be known as the Daniel Boone Park, up through the Linville Falls, Boone section of North Carolina.

Kindly let me hear from you relative to this proposed park, and advise whether I have been correctly informed. I sincerely trust that this is true, as I own property in that section and long since noticed the need for Government protection.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Teresa H. Cobb

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

OCT 15 1932

Mrs. Teresa H. Cobb,
General Agent,
Commonwealth Life Insurance Co.,
P. O. Box 345,
Union, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Cobb:

I have your letter of October 5 making inquiry in regard to the proposed Daniel Boone National Forest Park.

Our understanding of this project is that it is being promoted locally by Col. D. W. Adams, Old Fort, N. C. The project follows the outline of national forest reservations but apparently they wish to tack on the name "park". While it is proposed that this area would be administered by the U. S. Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, if authorized and established, so far as this office knows, no legislation has been introduced in Congress.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD.) A. E. DEMARAY

A. E. Demaray,
Senior Assistant Director.

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DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST PARK
ASSOCIATION

Old Fort, N. C.
June 21, 1935

Mr. L. A. Sharpe, Regional Insp.
National Park Service
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Mr. Sharpe:

Shortly after you left, my former secretary Miss Viola Grant, came to the office and found the enclosed Daniel Boone National Forest Park Stationery, and I hasten to send some extra sheets to go with the proposal plan which I gave you, since the names appearing on the margin are in part the people who are in part the people who are backing the project and will doubtless be of interest to you and your associates. Please do not forget to make it known to the Park officials that I am first, last and always in favor of this proposed National Park being administered wholly by the Park Service. The proposal that this park area be administered by the Forest Service was made only for the reason that we had hoped that the Forest Service would turn the ground over to the public as a National Forest Park, provided it retained the administration of it.

I am now of the opinion, however, that the President would, if the matter were called to his attention by the chief of our Park Service through the Secretary of the Interior, sign a proclamation transferring the area from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Interior and grant us the favor of retaining the name of Daniel Boone National Park.

Will you please, therefore, kindly forward this letter with the proposal plan attached through the proper channels that it may reach Mr. Camerer, believing and hoping that he will make the necessary endorsement favoring the project to the Secretary of Interior.

DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST PARK
ASSOCIATION

Your hearty cooperation in this most important matter will be tremendously appreciated by the whole country, to say nothing about the names of the many influential people comprising our organization.

I wish to add an expression of appreciation for the good work you are doing in North Carolina in the establishment of state owned parks to be administered by the rules and regulations of the Park Service.

Very truly yours,

Col. D. W. Adams

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
STATE PARK DIVISION

409 South Tryon St.,
Charlotte, N. C.

REPORT OF
INSPECTOR L. A. SHARPE
ON DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL PARK

June 23, 1935

There is no question in the mind of this Inspector that the area under consideration for Daniel Boone National Park is a worthy one. Apparently this project has been discussed at various times by many individuals, particularly in the Western part of North Carolina. The subject has caused grief and political disturbance in Raleigh and from all this Inspector can gather is a sore point in certain parts of North Carolina at the present time. Regardless of what has gone before and regardless of the proximity of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, this area can certainly lay as much claim to distinction as a National Park as does the Great Smoky Mountains. It contains such outstanding geographical features as Mount Mitchell, Table Rock, Grandfather Mountain, Linville Falls, Linville Gorge, and a tremendous area lying between U.S. Highways No. 70 and No. 19, more particularly described as follows:

Starting at a point on U.S. Highway No. 70 at Black Mountain, N. C. following that Highway through to Marion, Morganton and Hickory thence along N.C. State Highway No. 96 and No. 90 to Taylorsville, thence along N.C. No. 16 to Wilkesboro, thence along U.S. Highway No. 421 through Millers Creek, Deep Gap, Boone to Vilas, thence along N.C. Highway No. 194 to Banner Elk, Heaton and Elk Park, thence along U.S. Highway No. 19E to Cranberry, Minneapolis, Plumtree, Ingalls, Spruce Pine, Micaville, thence over N.C. Highway No. 695 to Pensacola until it strikes the Asheville Watershed. Then in a direction due South along the East boundary of the Asheville Watershed to Montreat, thence over N.C. Highway No. 119 to Ridgecrest.

A map is enclosed herewith showing the approximate boundary of the proposed area. This map also shows the boundaries of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

It can easily be seen that detailed and accurate information on an area of this size would take many months of intensive work to secure. Only the information which is pertinent at this time in the opinion of this Inspector is being submitted.

Enclosed herewith is a publication concerning this project which was sponsored by Colonel D. W. Adams of Old Fort, N. C. I contacted Colonel Adams

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discussed the matter with him and he furnished the bulletin mentioned above, but hastened to assure me that the proposal for Daniel Boone National Forest Park was made in that fashion because it seemed impossible at the time to have the area controlled as a straight National Park. The committee which was headed by Colonel Adams felt that this compromise was a step in the right direction. Colonel Adams further assured me that the committee would never be content until the area was taken over by the Department of the Interior and administered by the National Park Service.

It should be pointed out here that a very large portion of the area included within the boundary described and outlined elsewhere in this report is now owned by the United States Government and is under the jurisdiction of the United States Forest Service. Some fine stands of beautiful timber remain on the part now a National Forest, but to see it cut for commercial purposes is enough to break one's heart, especially where it is closely associated with outstanding geographical and geological features such as Table Rock. The Grandfather Mountain Area is now owned by Mr. Hugh A. McRae of Wilmington, N. C. I have been informed that only recently has the balance of the commercial timber left on the area been cut for use as pulp wood which means that the area has been skinned.

It is the opinion of this Inspector that this area merits consideration of a serious sort even with all its political dynamite. Undoubtedly any effort made to convert the National Forest area into a National Park will meet with opposition from the Federal end as well as opposition from the State Forest Service. It is my information that Mr. Holmes and the former director of the Department of Conservation and Development, Colonel Harrelson, actively resisted the attempt made to convert this area into a National Park in 1932.

(Sgd) L. A. Sharpe

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UNITED STATES
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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PROPOSED NATIONAL PARKS & MONUMENTS

(Form of report from Regional Officers)
To be typed throughout.

Letter of transmittal: To be attached (summary and recommendation)
Name of Project: DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL PARK
Location -(state, county, distance and direction from known city)
NORTH CAROLINA- YANCEY, BURKE, AVERY, CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES
Vicinity Asheville, Burnsville, Boone, Blowing Rock, Marion, N. C.
Area - Total _____ Acres Approx. 600 Square Miles.

Boundaries - (description, reference to maps to be attached)

Proposed: See letter of transmittal and map attached

Recommended: As proposed

Accessibility:

Accessible by highway, Railway and air but not
Railway: by water
Highway:
Airline:
Waterway:

Major characteristics - (Indicate those which are outstanding and
attach additional information if necessary)

1. Scenic features - (topography; elevation, plant cover,
water, etc.):
Mountainous, 2500 to 6000 + elev., Plant cover spruce, balsam, hemlock,
rhododendron and associated flora. Contains much water, streams and
waterfalls, including Linville Falls, Lijville Gorge and Linville River.
2. Historical or prehistoric features:
Relatively unimportant
3. Geological features:
Grandfather Mountain, Table Rock, Linville Gorge
particularly interesting

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4. Recreational Possibilities (if compatible with project)

National: Similar to the Great Smokies National Park. Park to Park Highway will pass through the entire length of the proposed park Area. Already many small towns located on the borders of the area are almost entirely supported by tourist traffic

Estimated population within a radius of 50 miles: _____
100 " _____
200 " _____

5. Biological features:

Vegetative: Trees, shrubs and herbaceous material in great variety.

Wildlife: Game of all sorts, fish in comparative abundance

Need for conservation: Great need for conservation as farming causes the land to erode badly and the cutting of timber by the Forest Service and private companies is removing practically all of the virgin growth

Relative importance in comparison with areas of similar nature elsewhere:
Comparable to the Great Smokies

Possible development -

Recreational facilities (if compatible with project):
Should provide the same type of facility to be had in the Great Smokies

Utilities -

Water supply: Water generally abundant

Parking space, capacity: unlimited

Campground sites, capacity: adequate

Light and power facilities: easily available

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Sewerage disposal facilities:

Capacity for handling of visitors:

Practicability of administration and protection:

Should be easily administered and protected

Other land uses -

Mining resources:

Mica and feldspar principal mining products

Agricultural resources:

General farming, corn etc.

Grazing:

Flocks of sheep noticed frequently

Cultivated crops:

Corn, potatoes, tobacco, wheat, oats, rye, apples

Timber: Most of the area has been heavily cut over and parts badly burned especially in the vicinity of Mt. Mitchell. Many tracts of timber remain untouched but the Forest Service and private companies are rapidly depleting the supply of virgin timber.

Hunting & Fishing uses:

Game and fish abound and could be increased by adequate protection

Power Resources:

Irrigation Resources:

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Ownership:

Railways:	
State:	1224(Mt. Mitchell SP) acres
Municipalities:	
Private:	200 sq. mi.
Total alienated lands	
Mining claims:	
Grazing permits and withdrawals:	
Power permits:	
Total permit acreage	
National forest lands: (purchased or proposed)	400 sq. mi.
Public domain:	
Reclamation projects:	
Indian lands:	
Total public lands	400 + sq. mls.
Total acreage	600+ sq. mi.

Land Values: Vary greatly. US Forest Service has purchased greater part of proposed area at nominal prices.

History of project: Sponsored by a committee headed by Col. D.W. Adams
Old Fort, N.C. See letter of transmittal

Local attitude: See letter of transmittal

Persons interested: See letter of transmittal

Itinerary (Sheet to be attached)

Bibliography:

List of photographs, maps and printed information submitted:
(Sheet to be attached)

Note: All maps which are specially prepared by the
Regional Offices should conform to one of the
following standard sizes:

Letter size - 18" x 24" - 24" x 36"

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Washington, D. C.

Please refer to your memorandum to Regional Officers dated May 17th relative to areas which have been proposed for administration by this Service.

We append hereto a copy of a report from Regional Inspector L. A. Sharpe on the area noted in the above subject, together with Form 100532 properly filled out and a pamphlet and letter from Colonel Adams mentioned in his report. A State Highway map of North Carolina, also enclosed, shows the location of the area.

Yours very truly,

H. E. Weatherwax
Regional Officer
Third Region

BY:

A. P. Bursley
Assistant Regional Officer

7/11/35.

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~~Mr. Wirth:~~

Reference is made to the attached form report on the proposed Daniel Boone National Park, the Table Rock, Grandfather Mtn., and Linville Gorge region of North Carolina.

Was Col. Adams, the gentleman who talked to you about this area a few days ago?

It appears to me that this area is merely a second Smoky Mountains. As it is at a considerable distance from the Great Smoky Mtns. National Park, it could hardly be considered as an extension to that park.

If you agree with me, I will draft a disapproval, and if the Director signs it, will notify the Regional Officer and ask that the proposal be given no further encouragement. ✓

*Approved
C. Wirth*

Brown
J. Lee Brown. ✓

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON



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Daniel Boone

Memorandum for the Director:

A map showing the proposed Daniel Boone National Park, and a report submitted by the Third Regional Officer of the State Park Division, are attached.

The area appears to be similar to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. As it is some distance from the Great Smokies, it would seem inadvisable to consider it as an extension to that park.

It is recommended that this area be disapproved and removed from our permanent list of proposed areas.

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Approved: SEP 10 1935

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ACTING Director.

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